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Applicant OPTIVA, INC.		

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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5. With regard to the abstract,

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6. With regards to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A simple, reliable and cost-effective super-twisted nematic liquid crystal display is disclosed. The liquid crystal display is suitable for application in all portable electronic devices due to the reliable and simple design employing a thin crystal film polarizer (101,107) and is particularly suitable for outdoor display applications due to its increased environmental robustness. The thin crystal film polarizer of negative birefringence also increases the viewing characteristics of the liquid crystal display and provides additional advantages. The disclosed liquid crystal display includes a front and rear polarizer and a super-twisted nematic liquid crystal layer (104), wherein the liquid crystal layer has a twist angle from about 230° to about 250°. The front and rear transmission axes of the polarizers are angularly displaced by about 70° to about 86° relative to each other.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G02F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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